Safety Camps for Railway Staff

764. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that safety camps organised by Zonal Railways for the safety category staff are not running sucessfully;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what other safety programmes Railways are planning to initiate; and

(d) the steps taken so far towards Human Resource Development and results achieved in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Railway Board has recently taken a decision to condemn CRT wagons, which are relatively more accident prone. This was also recommended by Railway Safety Review Committee. However, safety is a continuous process and changes are effected from time to time as per requirement. Recruitment procedure have been made stricter. Training to staff is imparted at regular intervals using modern methods of training at various training institutions spread all over the railways.

FAO Posts in CSIR Labs

765. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY:
SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many Sr. Finance and Accounts Officer's posts are lying vacant in CSIR laboratories in India;

(b) the names of laboratories where the posts are vacant, with scales of pay;

(c) whether Finance and Accounts Officers have been accomodated

against Sr. FAO posts in CSIR laboratories at Hyderabad; if so, the names and scales of pay for the posts for which such arrangement was made; and

(d) whether any request of Sr. FAO for transfer to Hyderabad has been recommended by Member of Parliament; if so, the reasons for not acceding to the request?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Only one post of Senior Finance and Accounts Officer (Sr. F&AO) is vacant in the CSIR National Labs/Instts.

(b) The post of Sr. F&AO in the scale of pay of Rs. 10,000-325-15,200 has recently fallen vacant at CSIR Complex Chennai, a constituent unit of CSIR.

(c) In view of functional and administrative requirements 20 posts of Sr. F&AO were temporarily downgraded to the level of Finance and Accounts Officer (F&AO) in the scale of Rs. 8,000-275-13,500 as eligible officer for promotion to the post of Sr. F&AO were not available. Now that officers in the feeder grade (F&AO) are becoming eligible for promotion, the downgraded posts of Sr. F&AO are getting restored to its original cadre as per the sanctioned strength in the CSIR National Labs/Instts., including the Hyderabad based Labs/Instts.

(d) Yes Sir. The request could not be acceded to for want of vacancy in the grade of Sr. F&AO/F&AO at any of the Hyderabad based CSIR National Labs/Instts.

Irregularities at NISCOM

766. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 5168, given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th May, 2000 and state whether any case has been registered/ planned to be registered under the IPC against the officials of NISCOM against whom charges of financial misappropriation were proved by CVC?